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THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Presbyterians* in the Reigns of K. *Char.* II. and K. *James* II.
2. The ſame from the Beginning.
3. They tempted the *Queen* of *Bohemia* to Riſe up againſt her *Father* K. *Jam.* I. and her *Brother* K. *Char.* I. And the King of *Bohemia* (her Husband) to Side with them againſt *Epiſcopacy* in *England*. With Inſinuation that they wou'd Settle the *Crown* upon her and her Children, if ſhe wou'd Join with the *Parliament* againſt her *Brother* K. *Char.* I. with her Noble and Chriſtian Anſwer to them. As it is in the Papers of her *Secretary* Sir *John Dingley*.
4. Their Deſign to *Deſtroy* the *Royal Family*, by *Dividing* it.

SATURDAY, *June* 26. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* YOU ſhew'd me in your laſt, *Maſter*, the true *Spirit* of the *Presbyterians* in the Reign of King *Char.* II. and King *James* II. and in your former *Papers* you have Painted them out as to the Reign of King *Char.* I. But I hope this is the Beginning of your Objections againſt them. And that they were Good, *Honeſt* and *Peaceable* People before that time.

(2.) *Rehearſal.* I have told you, That they were the ſame from the Beginning. For the ſame *Principles* produce the ſame *Effects*, as ſurely as the ſame *Tree* yields the ſame *Fruit*. I will not take time here to Run over the *Hiſtory* of them, that has been very well done by Dr. *Heylen*, Mr. *Foulis*, and others. They began here, under the Name of *Puritans*, in Q. *Elizabeth*'s time, but She Underſtood them, and dealt with them Accordingly. They were perpetually *Plotting* againſt her, and, as they have done ſince, they Join'd with the *Papiſts* againſt her.

But ther are ſome *Papers* come Providentially to my hands, which tell ſome Particulars that I believe have Eſcap'd all the *Hiſtories* of thoſe times. Therefore I will Oblige the Curious with them. And hope they will be acceptable. What I now preſent you is,

(3.) A Copy of a Paper left by Sir *John Dingley*, ſometime Secretary to the *Prince* and *Princeſs Palatine* (call'd *King* and *Queen* of *Bohemia*) and Written with his own hand. It follows in theſe Words.

" MR. *Mackdowel* came from *Groninghen*, deſir'd private Audience of the " Queen (Qu. of *Bohemia*) told her that now " the King (K. *Jam.* I.) had ſent her Brother (*Pr. Char.* afterwards K *Char.* I.) " into *Spain* to Marry the *Infanta*; the " greateſt part of *Scotland* gave him as a " Prince loſt in his Religion, and therefore " caſt their Eyes upon her, and he had " Commiſſion to Aſſure her, that if ſhe " wou'd go into *Scotland*, ſhe wou'd be " well receiv'd, and make the King declare " himſelf that he was a true *Proteſtant*, and " Enemy to *Papiſts* and *Popery*. And this " he ſpake not of himſelf, but under the " Hands of the Peſt in *Scotland*. Her " Majeſty anſwered, That he was Miſtaken " in her, that ſhe was Confident that neither the *King*, who had Sufficiently Declar'd himſelf, nor yet the *Prince* wou'd " ever favour the Contrary Religion: Or " if they did, yet that ſhou'd never move " her to Depart from the Duty ſhe ow'd " to her *Father*, nor Love to her *Brother*. " And though God had Depriv'd the King " her Husband of his Eſtate and Honours " in *Germany*, yet ſhe wou'd never ſeek to " be Repaired by ſuch Unworthy and Diſloyal means. Adding that if he wou'd make " the Motion to the King (her Husband) " ſhe doubted not but he ſhou'd find him of " the ſame Opinion. But he (*Mackdowel*) " Reply'd, that becauſe the King was a " foraign Prince he had no Addreſs to him, " but left it to her Majeſty to Acquaint " him with it, which ſhe did, and the " King Abhorr'd the Motion.

" Some Years after, Mr. *Layten*, leaving " his *Miniſtry* at *Utrecht*, came to Court, " labouring to Diſpoſe the King of *Bohemia* " to Countenance that Party in *England* " which withſtood the *Biſhops*, foraſmuch " as the *Palatinat-Church* was otherwiſe Go- " vern'd. The King ſaid indeed that Go-

" vernmens

" vernment was not Eſtabliſht in his Coun-
" try, but he heard it was in *England.*
" Yes, quoth *Layten* but the Godly ſort
" miſlike it as Tyrannical over Mens Con-
" ſciences. Quoth the King, if I had found
" it Ratify'd in the *Palatinat*, I wou'd
" not have Changed it, nor Protected them
" that withſtood it. Finding there
" Small hopes he went to the Queen, and
" in her Ear told her, he was now going
" into *England*, and deſir'd her to let him
" know what Comfort he ſhou'd give from
" her Majeſty to the Poor Diſtreſſed Peo-
" ple of God. She anſwer'd, That ſhe
" knew none could be Diſtreſſed in *England*
" that gave Obedience to the Laws. Nei-
" ther was ſhe able to ſend Comfort to
" any, who was Comfortleſs her ſelf.

" Long after this, in the Year 1644,
" came Mr. *Peter*'s to the *Hague*, and
" Preach'd Wild and Unſeemly Sermons,
" He had Secret Conference with the *Prince*
" *Elector*, and his Siſter *Elizabeth*, by whoſe
" means he deſir'd Audience of the *Queen*
" in her Bed-Chamber, which ſhe Refuſed,
" but the *Princeſs* brought him to the Pre-
" ſence when few were by. There he
" told the Queen how Religion lay a
" bleeding; how the King by ſideing with
" the profeſſed Enemies of true Religion
" had loſt the Hearts of his People; how
" they were wholly Inclin'd to her Majeſty,
" and ſhe knew not what good Intentions
" were a foot towards her and her Chil-
" dren: And therefore Deſir'd her to Ap-
" ply her Self to the *Parliament*, and give
" them Occaſion to do her Service by Ap-
" proving of their Cauſe. The Queen
" anſwered, That ſhe was Sorry to ſee
" theſe Un-Natural Wars between her Bro
" ther and the Parliament, that as ſhe was
" not able to Compoſe the Differences, So
" ſhe wiſhed Either had their Rights. For
" her Self, ſhe had liv'd long in Affliction,
" and was Contented with that Eſtate God
" ſent her. That ſhe was free from all
" Ambition, much leſs wou'd ſhe appear
" in any Action to the Wrong or Diſ-
" honour of the King her Brother: And
" ſhe hoped her Children wou'd be as well
" Adviſed; otherwiſe if they ſhou'd Engage
" themſelves againſt the Right of her Bro-
" ther, ſhe Profeſſed to become their En-
" emy.

Country-m. But it will be ask'd, *Maſter*, how came you by theſe Papers? And what Proof is there of their being Authentick?

Rehearſ. They were ſent to me by a Gentleman of worth and Credit. And I will Read you his Letter that came with it. It bears Date *January* 27. 1702--3. And according to my Careleſs way, I laid it by and forgot it. Till Rummaging my Papers t'other day I found it. The Letter is in theſe Words,

SIR,

" YOU muſt know that the Perſon I
" Lodg'd with at *Brentford* was Ser-
" vant for ſome Years to this Sr. *John Dingley*'s
" Lady, and at length both of them Dying
" at her Houſe, moſt of their Houſhold-
" Goods, and Sr *John*'s Papers were left
" in her hands. Mrs. *Thoroguod* (for that
" was her Name) gave me the Sight of
" theſe Papers, which were Letters, Speeches,
" Obſervations. *&c.* And amongſt them I
" found what is above, the Original of
" which is in my Cuſtody, together with
" ſome little more which I think not ſo
" Material of the ſame kind——I have
" Read ſo much of Sr. *John*'s writing that
" I think I can fairly Atteſt it to be his
" Hand *&c.*

(4) *Country-m.* This is a Profitable *Diſcovery*, to be Added to the Many other Inſtances in *Hiſtory* of the Reſtleſs *Spirit* of this Generation of Men; who leave no Stone Unturn'd, or Stop at any *Wickedneſs* to Carry on their *Miſchievous* Deſigns. They had laid their *Plot* (in Order to the *Commonwealth* which they afterwards obtain'd, but Cou'd not hold it) to Root out and Deſtroy the whole *Royal Family*. And as the moſt Proper Means for that, to ſet up one of them againſt Another, and Diſſolve all Tyes of Nature!

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